

[SAME LETTER TO 81 RECIPIENTS, AS LISTED IN ENCLOSURE 4]

CERCLA 104(e) INFORMATION REQUEST
URGENT LEGAL MATTER: PROMPT REPLY REQUESTED
VIA CERTIFIED MAIL #0000 0000 0000 0000 0000

American River Transportation Co., LLC
Attn: Legal Department
4666 Faries Parkway
Decatur, Illinois 62525

Re: SBA Shipyard Superfund Site, Jennings, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana;
 CERCLIS #: LAD008434185; Information Request Pursuant to
 CERCLA Section 104(e), 42 U.S.C. §9604(e), Information Request

Dear Sir or Madam:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is investigating the releases and/or threatened releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants at the SBA Shipyard Superfund Site (Site) located in Jennings, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana. This letter seeks your cooperation in providing information and documents relating to the contamination of the Site. A Superfund site is a site contaminated with levels of hazardous substances that may present a threat to human health and the environment.

The EPA is seeking to obtain information concerning the generation, storage, treatment, transportation, and disposal methods of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants that have been or threaten to be released from the Site. The EPA has information that you may have had business transactions with the owners and operators of the Site or you may have information about the past operations and conditions of the Site.

This information request is not a determination that you are responsible or potentially responsible for contamination that occurred at the Site. The EPA is sending you this letter as part of its investigation of the circumstances related to the Site and does not expect you to pay for or perform any site-related activities at this time. Should EPA determine that you are responsible or potentially responsible for response activity at the Site, you will receive a separate letter clearly stating such a determination as well as the basis EPA has for making such a determination.

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The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Section 104(e), 42 U.S.C. § 9604(e), gives the EPA the authority to request this information (see Enclosure 1). We encourage you to give this matter your full attention, and ***we request that you respond to this request for information within thirty (30) calendar days of your receipt of this letter.*** You may designate another official with the requisite authority to respond on your behalf. However, failure to respond to this information request may result in the EPA seeking penalties of up to \$53,907.00 per day of violation. In addition, furnishing false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations is subject to criminal penalty under 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

Please provide a written response to Mr. Kenneth Talton, Enforcement Officer, at the address included in the Information Request. Please refer to the enclosures below, which include important instructions and definitions, as well as the questions for response, in the preparation of your reply to this Information Request.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, contact Mr. Kenneth Talton at (214) 665-7475. For legal questions concerning this letter, please have your legal counsel contact Ms. I-Jung Chiang, at (214) 665-2160. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Ben Banipal, P.E., Branch Chief
Technical and Enforcement Branch
Superfund Division

Enclosures

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